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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ICRC DELEGATE

1. MR. ROGER SANTSCHY, ICRC DELEGATE, CALLED AT EMBASSY JAN. 16 AT OWN INITIATIVE.
2. SANTSCHY TOLD US HE EXPECTED SEE FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO ON JAN. 17 AND WOULD THEN ATTEMPT MEET DIRG MEMBER MAJOR SISAY (IN CHARGE FOREIGN RELATIONS). SANTSCHY'S PURPOSE IN COMING HERE WAS TO TRY VISIT A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF ETHIOPIAN PRISONERS, CIVIL AND MILITARY. HE SPECIFICALLY HOPED TO BE PERMITTED TO SEE THE DETAINED TOP-LEVEL POLITICAL PRISONERS VIZ., MINISTERS OF THE EX-IEG AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY.
3. SANTSCHY SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY MET WITH A MAJOR TEFERRA WOLDE TENSAE, DIRECTOR OF THE ETHIOPIAN PRISON SERVICE. TEFERRA HAD APPROVED VISIT TO ALL BUT POLITICAL PRISONERS. WHEN SANTSCHY HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION TO SEE LATTER TEFERRA HAD GONE BACK ON HIS PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION PENDING "NEW INSTRUCTIONS."
4. SANTSCHY ALSO HOPED TO EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH ICRC

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MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE NEEDY ERITREAN POPULATION.

THESE WERE ALL MATTERS HE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS WITH
FONMIN AND COMPETANT DIRG REPS.

5. WE REVIEWED WITH SANTSCHY ICRC REPS' PREVIOUS EFFORTS HERE. WE URGED SANTSCHY FURTHER TO EXPLORE ICRC ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS TO EXPAND LATTER'S PRESENTLY MINIMAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND RELIEF CAPABILITIES IN ERITREA SO THAT IT MIGHT BECOME A VIABLE CONDUIT FOR CHANNELING ICRC PROVIDED RELIEF TO AFFECTED ERITREAN POPULATIONS. SANTSCHY SAID ICRC QUITE WILLING TO EXPLORE AND PURSUE THIS ANGLE. WE ALSO URGED COOPERATIVE ICRC APPROACH TO EPMG POINTING OUT THAT CONFRONTATION AND PRESSURE HAD LED NOWHERE IN PAST. SANTSCHY AGREED.

6. SANTSCHY HAD PROMISED US DEBRIEFING AT END HIS VISIT. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT HE HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY WITHOUT SEEING EITHER US OR SWISS AMBASSADOR. WE HEAR FROM SWEDISH AND BRITISH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ON WHOM SANTSCHY ALSO CALLED DURING HIS SOJOURN HERE THAT SANTSCHY WAS UNABLE EITHER TO GO NORTH OR TO VISIT ROYAL PRISONERS.

7. WOULD WELCOME INFORMATION WHICH US MISSION GENEVA MAY BE ABLE OBTAIN ON SANTSCHY'S EFFORTS HERE AND HIS CONCLUSIONS.
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